

ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

Number of high schools with students similar to ours: 19. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from good to excellent. For the improvement ratings, the range was from below average to excellent.

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

	Absolute Rating	Improvement Rating
2001	Good	Below Average
2002		
2003		
2004		

TENTH GRADE PASSAGE OF ONE OR MORE SUBTESTS OF THE EXIT EXAM

	Our School			Schools With Students Like Ours		
	1999	2000	2001	1999	2000	2001
• Passed all 3 subtests	79.7	80.1	79.6	74.4	76.6	77.1
• Passed 2 subtests	13.6	10.3	12.0	14.7	13.7	13.3
• Passed 1 subtest	4.5	6.8	6.8	6.9	6.8	6.6
• Passed no subtests	2.1	2.8	1.5	4.0	2.9	3.0

ELIGIBILITY FOR LIFE SCHOLARSHIPS	Our School	Schools With Students Like Ours
% of seniors eligible for LIFE Scholarships	22.9%	31.4%
% of seniors who met the SAT requirement	22.9%	33.4%
% of seniors who met the grade point average	70.2%	58.1%

Beginning in 2003, the graduation rate for each high school will be included in the school rating.

PERFORMANCE BY STUDENT GROUPS

Student Group	Seniors		
	Exit Exam Passage Rate by Spring 2001	Eligibility for LIFE Scholarships	Graduation Rate
All students	97.1%	22.9%	N/A until 2003
Students with disabilities other than speech	78.6%	0.0%	
Students without disabilities	98.1%	24.0%	
Gender			
Male	98.4%	20.4%	
Female	95.9%	26.1%	
Ethnic Group			
African American	100.0%	20.0%	
Hispanic	100.0%	0.0%	
White	96.9%	23.4%	
Other	N/A	0.0%	
Lunch Status			
Free/reduced-price lunch	90.9%	50.0%	
Pay for lunch	97.3%	22.1%	

STUDENTS IN CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY COURSES

Mastering core competencies	80.6%
Completers placed	N/A
Eligible students enrolled	46.0%

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Schools with Students Like Ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,887	N/A	\$4,887	\$5,668
• Prime instructional time	91.2%	Down from 91.9%	91.1%	90.1%
• Student-teacher ratio	30.5 to 1	N/A	26.6 to 1	25.1 to 1
STUDENTS (n=1,301)				
• Advanced Placement/ Int'l Baccalaureate Program Exam Success Ratio	30.9%	N/A	67.8%	40.0%
• Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 96.0%	95.7%	95.3%
• Retention rate	4.7%	Up from 4.1%	7.5%	10.0%
TEACHERS (n=65)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.8 Days	Down from 7.5	7.4 Days	7.5 Days
• Attendance rate	95.7%	Down from 97.2%	96.2%	95.7%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	56.9%	Down from 58.7%	58.5%	49.4%
• Continuing contract teachers	90.8%	Up from 87.3%	83.6%	81.0%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	7.7%	Up from 0.0%	3.0%	3.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.4%	Up from 90.1%	88.3%	85.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$40,326	Up 4.5%	\$39,257	\$38,125

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median High School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	1.8%	Down from 1.9%	1.8%	2.9%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	52.6%	N/A	56.9%	56.4%
• Principal's years at the school	0.0	N/A	3.0	3.0
• Percent of parents attending conferences	92.1%	N/A	60.0%	60.1%
• Opportunities in the arts	Excellent	N/A	Excellent	Excellent
STUDENTS				
• Older than usual for grade	3.5%	Up from 3.4%	5.4%	10.1%
• Suspended or expelled	47	N/A	19	29
• Gifted and talented	20.6%	Down from 27.6%	10.0%	7.4%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.6%	Up from 8.6%	8.8%	10.7%
• Career/technology students in co-curricular organizations	0.0%	N/A	2.1%	4.5%
• Enrollment in career and technology center courses	599	N/A	504	350
• Career students participating in work-based experiences	10.8%	N/A	16.0%	23.1%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

The 2000-2001 school year was a success for students, faculty, and staff at Wren High School. As a Flagship School of Promise, Wren High School is recognized for its commitment to academics. The school is proud to be one of only two National Service Learning high school sites in the state. Wren High School is also an SREB High Schools That Work Pace-Setter Site, making it the premier SREB site in the state for Tech Prep students.

Wren High School continues to excel on all state and national tests. Last year's average SAT score was 1033, fourteen points above the national average. This placed Anderson School District One as the 4th highest scoring district in the state. The 2000 tenth-grade Exit Exam scores reflect a high percentage of students passing on the first attempt.

Wren recognized thirty honor graduates from this year's senior class. The Class of 2001 received over \$600,000 in scholarships. In addition, seventeen seniors were recognized with the prominent Certificate of Mastery.

Wren High School has a dedicated and innovative teaching staff. The school is proud to have two National Board Certified teachers with fourteen currently pursuing this prestigious level of preparation.

Academics are the focus of Wren High School. The School Improvement Council developed action plans that addressed math, science, social studies, and English in order to continue challenging our students. During the 2000-2001 school year, a tutoring program was developed that targeted ninth grade students. All ninth grade students were enrolled in a study hall, and academic teachers were available each period to work one-on-one with students.

Mastery Algebra continues to thrive at our school. Students in this course are required to master material before beginning new material. This innovative program has better prepared students for future math courses and has decreased the number of student failures. Because of the success of Mastery Algebra, we hope to implement Mastery requirements in science, social studies, and English.

Finally, we plan to build on the strengths of our existing programs and to implement innovative techniques that will continue to challenge our students. We hope to maintain the support of our parents and community, as we believe they are vital to our success.

G. Robert Binnicker, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	94.1	68.0	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	75.1	
Satisfied with home-school relations	89.7	84.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades 9-12 High School

Enrollment: 1,301 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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